

II. REMARKS

This is in response to the official communication dated May 25, 2005, wherein a description of Figures 9 and 10 were indicated as not being listed in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the specification. The applicants respectfully submit the inconsistency has been overcome in view of the foregoing amendment.

The Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to correspond with the drawings filed as originally filed. Specifically, and although the description of Figures 1 and 2 in the originally filed specification referred to amino acid sequence comparisons between the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* dipeptide transporter encoding gene *dciAE* with the *dciAE* homolog of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, such figures were not present in the application as originally filed. Because of this omission, by the foregoing amendment, the descriptions of Figures 1 and 2 have been removed. It is the applicants' position that such figures are not required for the understanding and practice of the present invention. Accordingly, originally described Figures 3-10 have been renumbered as Figures 1-8 and refer to the drawing Figures 1-8 filed May 10, 2001. For example, the description of Figure 1 is directed to amylase secretion levels of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* AMY2 using different combinations of sec genes and correctly refers to Figure 1.

In summary, the foregoing amendment revises the description of the figures in the specification to correspond with the labels of the formal figures as filed on May 10, 2001. Entry of the foregoing amendment will not require that the application be withdrawn from issue. The issue fee is being paid concurrently herewith.

III. CONCLUSION

Should any questions arise regarding the proposed amendment, the Publishing Division is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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